

# WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION



## FURBEARING ANIMAL HUNTING OR TRAPPING SEASONS

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## LICENSE FEES

Resident Furbearer Hunting or Trapping.....	\$ 44.00
Resident Youth Furbearer Hunting or Trapping (Under 17 years) .....	\$ 6.00
All Resident Furbearer Hunting or Trapping licenses are available from license selling agents, Wyoming Game and Fish Regional Offices and Cheyenne Headquarters.	
Nonresident Furbearer Hunting or Trapping (Adult and Youth).....	\$ 242.00
Nonresident Furbearer Hunting or Trapping licenses are available only through Cheyenne Headquarters.	
Resident Fur Dealer .....	\$ 52.00
Nonresident Fur Dealer .....	\$ 277.00
Resident and Nonresident Fur Dealer licenses are available only through Cheyenne Headquarters.	
License to Capture Furbearing Animals for Domestication.....	\$ 20.00
License to Capture Furbearing Animals for Domestication are available only through Cheyenne Headquarters.	
Wildlife Damage Management Stamp .....	\$ 10.00

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## IMPORTANT HUNTER INFORMATION

**DISCLAIMER:** The following sections are a condensed summary of applicable wildlife laws and other important information. This summary is in no way intended to alter the content or statutory intent of those laws. If you have any questions regarding the precise language, you can view a copy of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department Statutes (Title 23) and Wyoming Game and Fish Commission Regulations, available at Department Regional Offices, Cheyenne Headquarters, or consult the following websites: <http://wgfd.wyo.gov> or <http://soswy.state.wy.us> or <http://legisweb.state.wy.us>.

*(Important Information about Least Weasel)*

**LEAST WEASELS:** State law lists the “weasel” as a furbearer. Three weasel species exist in Wyoming: long-tailed weasel, short-tailed weasel (ermine) and least weasel. The least weasel is very small and its fur has negligible value. The species is quite rare and little is known concerning distribution. Trappers are asked to make every attempt to avoid trapping the least weasel. The Department requests that unintentional trapping of a least weasel be reported to the Nongame Section by telephoning 1-800-654-7862 in an effort to preserve the specimen for scientific use.

**ACCESS YES—DID YOU KNOW EVERY \$1 DONATED = 4.2 ACRES OF HUNTING AND FISHING PUBLIC ACCESS!** The Access Yes Program provides for a voluntary contribution from hunters and anglers used exclusively for providing public hunting and fishing access on private lands. Hunters and anglers can donate any whole dollar amount to Access Yes when they purchase or apply for licenses. Donations are used to increase public access to private lands and inaccessible public lands. The Access Yes Program was established in response to numerous requests that the Game &

Fish Department help address the difficulties of finding places to hunt and fish. Donating to the Program does not provide or imply access to all private lands in Wyoming. Go to website: <http://wgfd.wyo.gov>.

**BAIT RESTRICTIONS.** No person shall take a game animal, game bird or game fish and use any part thereof for bait to trap or poison any wildlife of Wyoming.

**CHECK STATIONS; MANDATORY REPORTING.** Every hunter, angler, or trapper of furbearing animals shall stop and report at every check station on route to or from the hunting, fishing or trapping area, regardless if the person has wildlife in possession. Upon request of any authorized Department representative, anyone who has been hunting, fishing, or trapping shall produce a valid license and conservation stamp, if required, and special management permit, if required, for game animals, game birds, furbearing animals or fish. Even if the game meat or fish in possession has been cut and wrapped or processed, the person transporting shall stop and report at the check station. Any person transporting wildlife harvested in another state or country shall stop at check stations on their route.

**CLOSED AREAS.** All areas within the state of Wyoming not opened by specific order of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission shall be closed to the taking of all big game animals, trophy game animals, small game animals, furbearing animals and game birds.

**CONFISCATION.** Any person authorized to enforce the Game and Fish Act may seize and take into custody any wildlife that has been unlawfully taken or that is unlawfully in possession.

**CONSERVATION STAMP.** Conservation Stamps are not required for persons exercising privileges under furbearer hunting or trapping licenses.

**DAMAGE TO PROPERTY. Taking beaver, bobcat, weasel, badger, squirrels or muskrat for damaging property.** Any beaver flooding meadows, damming irrigation systems or constructing dams or ponds that would be dangerous to livestock on any privately owned lands or on state lands, may be immediately taken by the landowner, lessee of state lands or employee of the landowner or lessee or an agent of the landowner or lessee. Any bobcat, weasel, badger, gray, red or fox squirrels or muskrat doing damage to private property may be immediately taken and killed by the owner of the property, employee of the owner or lessee of the property. The owner, employee or lessee shall immediately notify the nearest game warden of the killing of bobcat. The owner, employee or lessee shall save and care for the skin and procure a Wyoming interstate game tag for the skin of bobcat.

**DEFINITIONS: Statutory**

- “Artificial light” means any man-made light or lighting device that projects a light visible to the unaided eye outside of the device, or any battery-powered device that provides an enhanced ability to see in the dark.
- “Designated road” means only established roads that are marked with a white arrow sign as open to motor vehicles. Unmarked roads not marked with a white arrow sign are closed to motor vehicles.
- “Domicile” means that place where a person has his true, fixed and permanent home to which whenever the person

is temporarily absent the person has the intention of returning. To prove domicile as required by Wyoming Statutes §23-1-102 and §23-1-107 a person shall be able to establish that he: physically resides in Wyoming; has made his permanent home in Wyoming; is not residing in Wyoming for a special or temporary purpose; and has abandoned his domicile in all other states, territories or countries.

- “Established road” means any road or trail that has been graded or constructed to carry motor vehicles or on which repeated motor vehicle traffic has created well-defined tracks. Established roads on Department managed lands, excluding lands enrolled in the Private Lands/Public Wildlife Access Program, shall be marked with white arrow signs as open to motor vehicles. Established roads enrolled in the Department’s Private Lands/Public Wildlife Access Program are closed to motor vehicles unless designated as open to motor vehicles by Department sign.
- “Furbearing animal” means badger, beaver, bobcat, marten, mink, muskrat, or weasel.
- “License” means a document issued by the Department, through the authority of the Commission, to a qualified individual that grants certain privileges to take fish or wildlife in accordance with statutory or regulatory provisions.
- “Nonresident” means any person not a resident.
- “Orders” means orders, rules and regulations.
- “Permit” means a document that grants additional privileges to an individual who possesses the proper license(s) to carry out activities not authorized by the license itself.
- “Predaceous bird” means English sparrow and starling.
- “Predatory animal” means coyote, jackrabbit, porcupine, raccoon, red fox, wolf, skunk or stray cat.
- “Protected animal” means black-footed ferret, fisher, lynx, otter, pika or wolverine.
- “Public road or highway” means any roadway that is open to vehicular travel by the public. The road surface, the area between the fences on a fenced public road or highway, and an area thirty (30) feet perpendicular to the edge of the road surface on an unfenced public road or highway shall be considered the public road or highway. Two-track trails on public lands are not public roads.
- “Resident” means a United States citizen or legal alien who is domiciled in Wyoming for at least one (1) full year immediately preceding making application for any resident game and fish license, preference point, permit or tag, shall not have claimed residency in any other state, territory, or country for any other purpose during that one (1) year period, and meets the requirements specified in Wyoming Statutes §23-1-102 and §23-1-107.
- “Site of the Kill” means the location where the harvested animal died.
- “Small game animal” means cottontail rabbit or snowshoe hare, and fox, gray and red squirrels.
- “Take” means hunt, pursue, catch, capture, shoot, fish, seine, trap, kill or possess, or attempt to hunt, pursue, catch, capture, shoot, fish, seine, trap, kill or possess.

**DOMESTICATION OF FURBEARING ANIMALS.** Any resident person who desires to capture furbearing animals for domestication or propagation shall apply for and pay to the Department the proper fee for a license to capture furbearing animals for the purpose of domestication or propagation. The

Department may issue the license under such restriction as it deems necessary. Applications are available from game wardens, regional offices and the Cheyenne Headquarters. A person must also apply for and receive a Chapter 10 Permit, Regulation for Importation, Possession, Confinement, Transportation, Sale and Disposition of Live Wildlife, prior to the capture of furbearing animals for domestication or propagation.

**DUPLICATE AND REPLACEMENT LICENSE ISSUED UPON LOSS OR DESTRUCTION OF ORIGINAL; PURCHASE AND FEES.** When any license issued has been lost or destroyed, the licensee may secure a duplicate of the original license from any Department Regional Office, Cheyenne Headquarters, District Game Warden, or any license selling agent. A duplicate license shall be issued if the original license was hand issued or if the original license was issued through the Department's computerized point of sale license issuance system and contained a carcass coupon. A replacement license shall be issued if the original license was issued through the Department's computerized point of sale license issuance system and did not contain a carcass coupon. The licensee may secure a replacement license at Department Regional Offices, Cheyenne Headquarters, and from license selling agents participating in the Department's computerized point of sale license issuance system. The Department shall charge a fee of five dollars (\$5) for each duplicate or replacement license.

**EMERGENCY CLOSURES.** The Wyoming Game and Fish Commission may institute an emergency closure to shorten the season in any area at any time if a harvest quota is reached or if an emergency arises warranting the closure. Should a closure become necessary after the season opens, no refunds will be given for unused licenses.

**FALSE SWEARING, FRAUD OR FALSE STATEMENT PROHIBITED.** No person shall procure or attempt to procure any license, tag or permit by false swearing, fraud, or false statement of any kind or in any form.

**FUR DEALER LICENSES AND TAGGING REQUIREMENTS.** Any person who desires to engage in the business of buying, collecting, selling or shipping raw furs, other than hides from cloven hoof big game animals, shall apply for and pay to the Department the proper fee for a resident fur dealer's license or a nonresident fur dealer's license prior to commencing the business. Fur dealer licenses are only available from the Cheyenne Headquarters. Residents shall apply through their local game warden. Nonresidents must apply through the Cheyenne Headquarters. Fur dealers may receive, purchase, store, handle, ship, sell, transport and deliver hides from cloven hoof big game animals within or outside the state without tagging the hides with a Wyoming interstate game tag so long as proper records are kept. Fur dealers bringing hides or furs into Wyoming lawfully obtained in another state shall not remove any tag, tattoo, mark or other identification attached to or placed upon the hide or fur by the authorities of another state.

**HUNTER MENTOR PROGRAM.** Any person born on or after January 1, 1966, who has not received a certificate of competency and safety in the use and handling of firearms (hunter safety certificate) may apply to the Department for a special authorization to take wildlife with the use of a firearm while being accompanied by a mentor. A special authorization issued to an individual shall be valid for one (1) year from the date of issue and shall be in the

possession of the recipient at all times while in the field. The application may be obtained from Cheyenne Headquarters, Department Regional Offices or on the Department's website at <http://wgfd.wyo.gov>. No person shall apply for and receive more than one (1) special authorization to hunt with a mentor. Any person acting as a mentor to a mentee with a special authorization pursuant to this section shall not provide supervision for more than one (1) mentee at a time in the field and shall accompany the mentee at all times to provide constant supervision.

**HUNTER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.** No person born on or after January 1, 1966, may take any wildlife by the use of firearms on land other than that of his own family, unless the person possesses and can exhibit a hunter safety certificate. Compliance will be checked in the field.

**LICENSE EXPIRATION.** Furbearer hunting or trapping licenses expire on the last day of the calendar year in which issued.

**LICENSE FRAUD PROHIBITED; INVALIDATION BY IMPROPER FEES.** Wyoming Game and Fish licenses, permits, stamps, tags, or coupons shall not be altered by anyone other than authorized Game and Fish Department personnel. No license, permit, stamp, tag or coupon shall be transferred, or used for the purpose of taking wildlife except by the individual to whom it was issued and therein named and while in that individual's possession. No individual shall take or attempt to take any wildlife using another individual's license, permit, stamp, tag, or coupon. Any license, tag, permit or stamp shall not be valid unless the proper fees have been received by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. Any Wyoming Game and Fish law enforcement officer may seize as evidence any license, tag, stamp or permit that was obtained in violation of Commission regulations or Wyoming statutes.

**PERMISSION TO HUNT, FISH OR TRAP.** No person shall enter upon the private property of any person to hunt, fish or trap without the permission of the owner or person in charge of the property. The license must bear the signature of the landowner, lessee, or agent of the owner on whose private property the hunter is hunting or the legitimate proof as evidence that permission to hunt has been granted.

**PRECAUTIONS WHEN HUNTING IN AREAS OCCUPIED BY GRIZZLY BEARS.** Hunters and anglers are reminded that many areas in and around the Bridger-Teton, Shoshone, and Caribou-Targhee National Forests in northwest Wyoming are occupied by grizzly bears. The Wyoming Game and Fish Department strongly recommends individuals working and recreating in these areas take precautions, including carrying bear pepper spray, to avoid conflicts with grizzly bears. Information about human safety in occupied grizzly habitat and proper storage of food and other attractants is available from Regional Offices and Cheyenne Headquarters, U.S. Forest Service Offices, and the Department's website at <http://wgfd.wyo.gov>. Regulations concerning human activities in occupied grizzly habitat and food/carcass storage can be obtained from the Forest Service. Report conflicts with grizzly bears to the nearest Regional Office.

**PROHIBITED ACTS. IT IS ILLEGAL TO:**

- Shoot or attempt to kill any wildlife from any public road or highway. No person shall fire any firearm from, upon, along, or across any public road or highway. No person shall knowingly fire any rifle from the enclosed lands of one person

onto or across the enclosed lands of another without the permission of both persons.

- Use any dog to hunt, run or harass any big or trophy game animal, protected animal or furbearing animal except as otherwise provided by statute. The Commission shall regulate the use of dogs to take mountain lions and bobcats during hunting or trapping seasons.
- Transport illegally taken wildlife across state lines; such transportation is a violation of the Federal Lacey Act.
- Carry a firearm with a cartridge therein, or take any wildlife, while intoxicated or under the influence of any controlled substance.

**RIGHT TO SEARCH.** Any person authorized to enforce the Game and Fish Act may seize and take into custody any wildlife that has been unlawfully taken or that is unlawfully in possession. Any person authorized to enforce the provisions of the Game and Fish Act may search, without warrant, any camp, camp outfit, pack, pack outfit, pack animal, motor vehicle, boat, wagon or trailer for any wildlife that the officer has probable cause to believe was taken or is possessed unlawfully. Any person authorized to enforce the provisions of the Game and Fish Act may search with a search warrant any place or property for any wildlife that the officer may have probable cause to believe was taken or is possessed unlawfully.

**TRAP AND SNARE IDENTIFICATION; EXPOSED BAIT; CONFISCATION; AND LANDOWNER INSPECTION, REMOVAL, RELEASE AND REPORTING.** All traps and snares used for furbearing or predatory animals shall be permanently marked or tagged with the name and address of the owner or the identification number assigned to the owner by the Department. A trap or snare licensed under this section shall not be set within thirty (30) feet of any exposed bait or carcass over five (5) pounds in weight. As used in this subsection, "exposed bait or carcass" means the meat or viscera of any part of a mammal, bird or fish, excluding dried bones. All wildlife caught in any trap or snare shall, upon discovery, be removed immediately by the owner. Any trap or snare found in the field not bearing the name and address of the owner of the trap or snare or the identification number assigned by the Department to the owner of the trap or snare may be confiscated by any employee of the Department. Any landowner or his agent may inspect any trap or snare set on his property, may remove the trap or snare and may release or remove from the trap or snare any wildlife that has not been taken lawfully. The landowner or his agent shall notify the Department of any such wildlife, excluding predatory animals, as soon as practicable possible after removing the wildlife from a trap or snare.

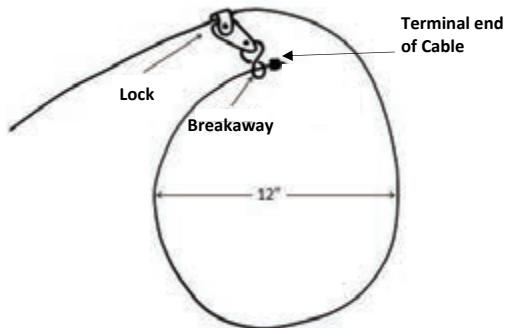
**TIME PERIOD FOR CHECKING LEGHOLD TRAPS, SNARES, AND QUICK-KILL BODY-GRIP TRAPS.** All leg-hold traps as defined by Commission rule and regulation shall be checked by the owner at least once during each seventy-two (72) hour period unless extensions are granted by the Department. All snares and quick-kill body-grip traps as defined by Commission rule and regulation shall be checked by the owner not less than once each week unless extensions are granted by the Department. For snares and quick-kill body-grip traps, the check period could be as long as 13 days if set or checked on a Monday of one week and rechecked on the Sunday of the next week (see example below).

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5 Snare set or checked	6	7	8 Not necessary to check during the rest of this week.	9	10	11
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12	13	14	15 Required to check snares one time on any day during this week.	16	17	18 If checked on the 18 <sup>th</sup> this provides a 13-day check period.
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**SNARE BREAK-AWAYS AND LOOP SIZE.** All snares used for furbearing or predatory animals shall be equipped with a break-away device (i.e., shear pin, J hook, S hook, cable ferrule, etc.) located at the junction of the snare lock and the terminal end of the cable (see diagram below) and shall release at two hundred ninety-five (295) pounds of pressure or less; and the loop size shall not exceed twelve (12) inches in diameter measured from side to side (see diagram below).



**TRAPPING LICENSE.** Any person, except as otherwise provided, upon application and the payment of the proper fee, may receive a license to trap any furbearing animal. The Department shall issue a trapping license to a nonresident only if his state issues licenses to Wyoming residents to trap the same species for which residents of that state may be licensed to trap in that state. Any nonresident applying for a Wyoming trapping license shall furnish:

- (1) A notarized affidavit stating the applicant's legal address including his state of residence; and,
- (2) A copy of the most current statutes or rules and regulations of the applicant's state of residence that show that the state issues nonresident trapping licenses that authorize Wyoming residents to trap the same species for which residents of that state may be licensed to trap in that state.

Resident trapping licenses are available from Cheyenne Headquarters, Regional Offices and license selling agents. Nonresident trapping licenses are available only from Cheyenne Headquarters.

**USE OF AIRCRAFT, AUTOMOBILES, MOTORIZED AND SNOW VEHICLES AND ARTIFICIAL LIGHT FOR HUNTING OR FISHING PROHIBITED; EXCEPTION.** No person shall harass, pursue, hunt, shoot, or kill any Wyoming wildlife except predatory animals with, from, or by use of any aircraft, automotive vehicle, trailer, motor-propelled wheeled vehicle, or vehicle designed for travel over snow. No person shall use any aircraft to aid in the taking of any Wyoming wildlife, except predatory animals, whether by spotting or locating the wildlife, communicating with any person attempting to take the wildlife, or by providing other aid to any person taking the wildlife. Nothing in this subsection shall apply to the use of any aircraft by governmental agencies, their employees, contractors or designees performing any lawful duties. No person shall take any

wildlife with the aid of or by using any artificial light or lighting device except that predators may be taken with the aid of an artificial light or lighting device by:

- (i) A public officer authorized to control predators;
- (ii) A landowner, resident manager, or person with the landowner's or a resident manager's written permission, on land under the landowner's control for the protection of his property.

It is *prima facie* evidence of a violation if a person uses an artificial light in an area that may be inhabited by wildlife while having in his possession and control any device for taking wildlife. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the hunting on foot of raccoon with the aid of a handlight, provided the hunter is accompanied by a raccoon hunting dog and, if hunting on private lands, has the written permission of the landowner or his agent.

**USE OF AIRCRAFT TO SPOT OR LOCATE WILDLIFE.** No person shall use any aircraft to aid in the taking of any Wyoming wildlife, except predatory animals, whether by spotting or locating the wildlife, communicating with any person attempting to take the wildlife, or by providing other aid to any person taking the wildlife within twenty-four (24) hours of being airborne. This shall not apply to commercial, commuter or other aircraft used for the sole purpose of passenger transport.

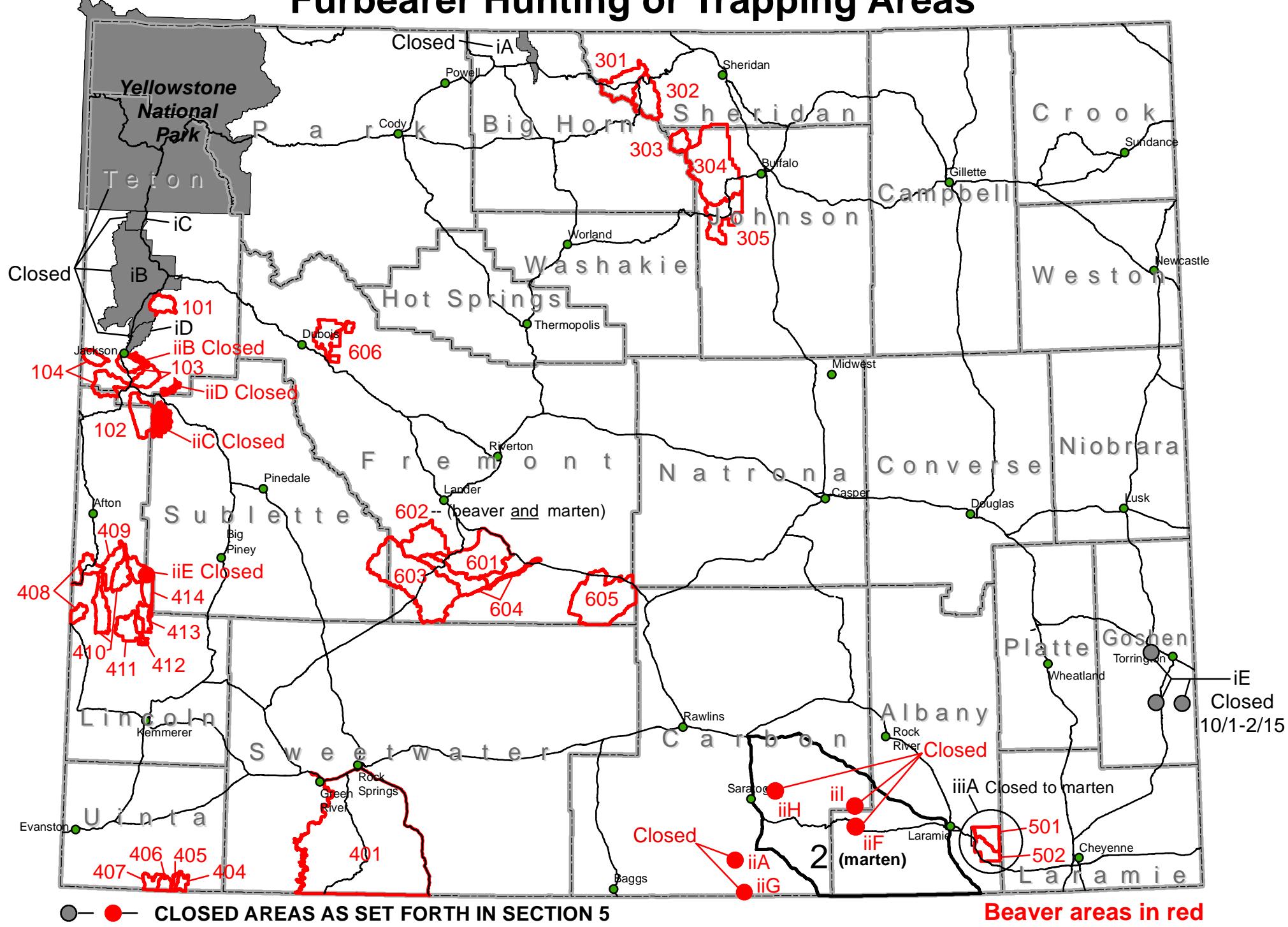
**VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS ON FEDERAL LAND.** Sportsmen are advised that many areas of National Forest and Bureau of Land Management lands are subject to travel and vehicle use limitations to protect resources. Maps and additional information regarding these limitations are available at U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and other agency offices near these public lands.

**WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT STAMP.** The Wyoming Legislature created the Wyoming Animal Damage Management Board to manage rabid wildlife, mitigate damage caused to livestock, wildlife and crops by predatory animals, predacious birds and depredating animals, and protect human health and safety. The legislation developed several sources of funding for the Board to carry out its responsibilities including the creation of a WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT STAMP. The fee for this stamp will be established annually by the Animal Damage Management Board. The stamp may be voluntarily purchased by those interested in funding the activities of the Board at all Wyoming Game and Fish Commission license selling agents, at Wyoming Game and Fish Department Regional Offices and at Cheyenne Headquarters. Purchase of the stamp is not mandatory, but does provide sportsmen a voluntary means to fund predator management.

**WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT.** Wyoming is a member of the Wildlife Violator Compact. The Compact enables a violator from any state that is a member of the Wildlife Violator Compact to accept a wildlife citation and proceed on his way without being required to post an appearance bond unless the violation requires **MUST APPEAR** and **NO BOND ACCEPTED**. The Compact recognizes the suspension of wildlife license privileges in the home state of any person whose license privileges have been suspended by a participating state. If you have had your privileges suspended in any of the participating states, you may lose your privileges in Wyoming, in addition to all the participating Compact states. Additional information about the Compact can be obtained by contacting the Wildlife Law Enforcement Coordinator at (307) 233-6413.

**WIND RIVER RESERVATION.** Only non-Indian owned, fee title lands are open to the taking of wildlife with a Wyoming license. Land status is complicated and lawful access must be investigated thoroughly. Sportsmen are advised it is their responsibility to determine land status prior to entering these areas.

# Furbearer Hunting or Trapping Areas



Area 1 is the entire state of Wyoming subject to the species limitations described in Section 5

THIS MAP IS FOR GENERAL REFERENCE ONLY. Please use the written boundary descriptions in this regulation for detailed boundary information

# BOBCAT HARVEST LOG

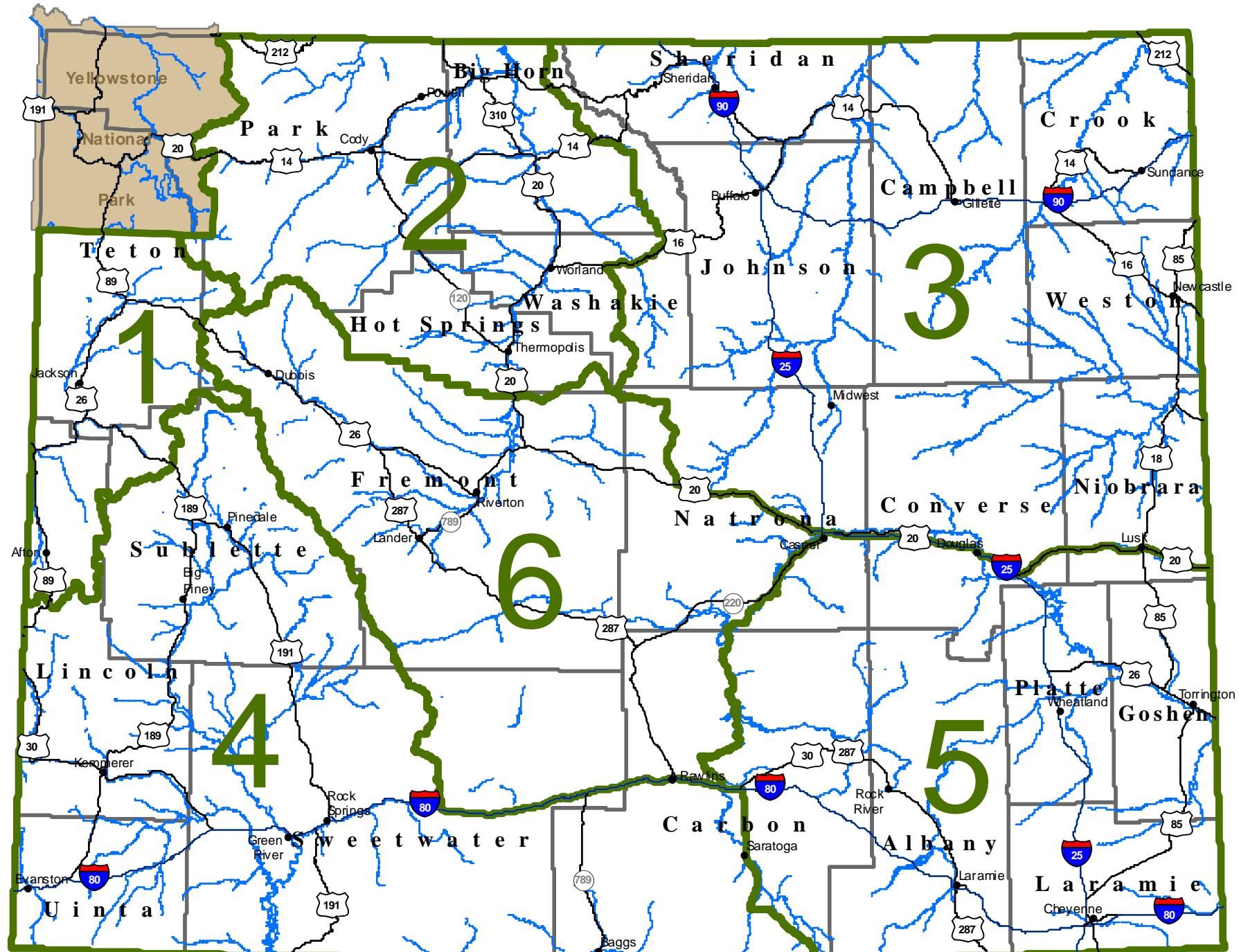
This form is provided for your convenience. When you have your pelts tagged per Chapter 4, Section 11 (Furbearing Animal Hunting or Trapping Seasons, pg. 18) we will request this information from you to comply with CITES reporting.

Number of Bobcat Trap Sets \_\_\_\_\_ # of days you trapped Bobcats \_\_\_\_\_ # of days you Hunted Bobcats with a Firearm \_\_\_\_\_

Area	Sex		Age		Kill Date MM/DD/YY	Method of Take Trap      Firearm	Area	Sex		Age		Kill Date MM/DD/YY	Method of Take Trap      Firearm
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*This is not intended to indicate you are limited in the number of Bobcats you can harvest.*

# Bobcat Management Areas



This map designates the Department's bobcat management areas. Refer to page 18, Section 11 of this regulation.

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**WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION  
CHAPTER 4  
FURBEARING ANIMAL HUNTING OR TRAPPING  
SEASONS**

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**Section 1. Authority.** This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302, W.S. §23-2-303, W.S. §23-2-305 and W.S. §23-3-109.

**Section 2. Definitions.** For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

(a) "Drainage" means all lands within the watershed of a named river or stream, including all tributaries and standing waters which drain into that river or stream.

(b) "Green pelt" means the untanned hide or skin of a furbearing animal.

(c) "Owner" means the person who physically sets any trap or snare in any fashion that may result in the take of any furbearing or predatory animal.

(d) "Quick-kill Body-grip Trap" means a device that closes around the body or head of the animal in such a manner as to almost immediately kill the animal caught. Such traps include, but are not necessarily limited to, Conibear type traps.

(e) "Snare" means a device consisting of a loop with no mechanical trigger for capturing furbearing or predatory animals.

(f) "Leg-hold Trap" means any device using a mechanical trigger that springs the jaws or loop shut for capturing furbearing or predatory animals.

(g) "Live Trap" means any device designed to capture or trap a live animal inside a cage or structure. Such traps include, but are not limited to box traps and cage traps.

(h) "Trapping" or "trap" means the taking of a furbearing or predatory animal by trap, snare or with a firearm or archery equipment.

(i) "Trap Identification Number" means an identification number assigned to the owner of traps or snares by the Department.

(j) "Week" means the seven-day period starting on Monday through the following Sunday.

**Section 3. Hunting or Trapping Seasons Established.** There shall be open seasons for the hunting or trapping of furbearing animals and the use of dogs to take bobcats as set forth in this Chapter. Furbearing animals may also be taken by hunting with the use of firearms. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

**Section 4. Hunting or Trapping Seasons.**

(a) Species, hunting or trapping areas, season dates and limitations.

Species	Trapping Area	Dates of Seasons		Limitations
		Opens	Closes	
Mink	1	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	Any mink
Bobcat	1	Nov. 15	Mar. 1	Any bobcat
Muskrat	1	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	Any muskrat
Weasel	1	Oct. 1	Mar. 31	Any weasel
Badger	1	Jan. 1	Dec. 31	Any badger
Marten	1	Oct. 1	Mar. 1	Any marten
	2	Dec. 1	Mar. 1	Any marten
	602	Oct. 1	Mar. 1	5 trappers; 100 marten
Beaver	1	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	Any beaver
	101	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 5 beaver
	102	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 20 beaver
	103	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 10 beaver
	104	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 25 beaver
	301-305	CLOSED		
	401	CLOSED		
	404-407	CLOSED		
	408	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 15 beaver
	409	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 15 beaver
	410	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 15 beaver
	411	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 35 beaver
	412	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 15 beaver
	413	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 30 beaver
	414	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 30 beaver
	501	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 10 beaver
	502	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 10 beaver
	601	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 30 beaver
	602	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 30 beaver
	603	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	2 trappers; 60 beaver
	604	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 30 beaver
	605	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 5 beaver
	606	CLOSED		

**Section 5. Furbearing Animal Hunting or Trapping Area Descriptions.**

(a) Area and Number.

(i) All furbearing animals, excluding marten and beaver.

**Area 1.** The entire State of Wyoming, excluding those areas closed in Section 5(b).

(ii) Marten.

**Area 1.** The entire state of Wyoming, excluding Area 2 and Limited Quota Area 602 as listed in this subsection and those areas closed in Section 5(b).

**Area 2. Snowy Range.** Beginning at the junction of Interstate Highway 80 and U.S. Highway 287 in the city of Laramie; southerly along U.S. Highway 287 to the Wyoming-Colorado state line; westerly along said line to Wyoming Highway 230 in Carbon County; northerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 130; northerly along said highway to Interstate Highway 80; easterly along said highway to its junction with U.S. Highway 287.

**Area 602. Little Popo Agie.** All U.S. Forest Service lands within the Little Popo Agie River drainage (including Cherry Creek and Snow Creek) and the Sawmill Creek drainage in Fremont County.

(iii) Beaver.

**Area 1.** The entire State of Wyoming, excluding those limited quota trapping areas listed in this subsection and those areas closed in Section 5(b).

**Area 101. Ditch Creek.** Ditch Creek drainage in Teton County.

**Area 102. Willow Creek.** Willow Creek drainage in Teton and Lincoln counties.

**Area 103. Game Creek and Little Horse Creek.** Game Creek and Little Horse Creek drainages in Teton County.

**Area 104. Fall Creek.** All of the Fall Creek, Mosquito Creek and Dog Creek drainages on U.S. Forest Service lands in Teton and Lincoln counties.

**Area 301. North Tongue River.** North Tongue River drainage in Sheridan County.

**Area 302. South Tongue River.** South Tongue River drainage in Sheridan County.

**Area 303. East Fork of Big Goose Creek.** East Fork of Big Goose Creek drainage upstream of Park Reservoir in Johnson County.

**Area 304. Clear Creek.** Clear Creek drainage on U.S. Forest Service lands in Johnson County.

**Area 305. Crazy Woman Creek.** Crazy Woman Creek drainage on U.S. Forest Service lands in Johnson County.

**Area 401. South Rock Springs.** That portion of Sweetwater County south of I-80 between the Green River, Flaming Gorge Reservoir and Wyoming Highway 430.

**Area 404. Henrys Fork.** Henrys Fork River, Louse Creek and Sage Creek drainages on the Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Uinta County.

**Area 405. Cottonwood Creek.** Cottonwood Creek drainage on the Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Uinta County.

**Area 406. East Fork of Smiths Fork.** Drainages of Gilbert Creek and East Fork of Smiths Fork River upstream from Wasatch-Cache National Forest boundary in Uinta County.

**Area 407. West Fork of Smiths Fork.** West Fork of the Smiths Fork River and Willow Creek drainages upstream from Wasatch-Cache National Forest boundary in Uinta County.

**Area 408. Salt Creek.** Salt Creek drainage on U.S. Forest Service lands, Salt Creek Proper and Raymond Creek drainage on public lands in Lincoln County.

**Area 409. Upper Smiths Fork.** Smiths Fork drainage on U.S. Forest Service lands in Lincoln County.

**Area 410. Hobble Creek.** Hobble Creek drainage on U.S. Forest Service lands, Coal Creek, and Saw Mill Creek

drainages in Lincoln County.

**Area 411. Hams Fork River (Hams Fork).** Beginning where the Hams Fork River crosses the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary to where the river crosses U.S. Forest Service Road 062 and all tributaries lying east of the Hams Fork River in Lincoln County.

**Area 412. South Fork Fontenelle Creek.** Beginning where the South Fork of Fontenelle Creek crosses the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary to its headwaters and all tributaries in Lincoln County, including all of the drainages of the South Fork of Fontenelle Creek upstream from the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary within Lincoln County.

**Area 413. Fontenelle Creek.** Beginning where Fontenelle Creek crosses the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary to the confluence of Camp Fire Creek and all tributaries in Lincoln County, including all of the drainages of Fontenelle Creek between the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary and Camp Fire Creek within Lincoln County.

**Area 414. LaBarge Creek and South LaBarge Creek (main streams).** Beginning where LaBarge Creek crosses the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary to its headwaters and the main channel of South LaBarge Creek in Lincoln County. LaBarge Creek Proper will be closed one (1) mile each direction from the confluence of Nameless Creek and LaBarge Creek in Lincoln County.

**Area 501. North Pole Mountain.** All of the drainages of Brush Creek, Crow Creek, Lodgepole (Pole) Creek, McKechnie Creek and Horse Creek within the boundaries of the Pole Mountain Division of the Medicine Bow National Forest and north of the Happy Jack Road (Wyoming Secondary Highway 210-U.S.F.S. 722) in Albany County.

**Area 502. South Pole Mountain.** All of the drainages of Brush Creek, Lodgepole (Pole) Creek, Crow Creek and Dale Creek within the boundaries of the Pole Mountain Division of the Medicine Bow National Forest and south of the Happy Jack Road (Wyoming Secondary Highway 210-U.S.F.S. 722) in Albany County.

**Area 601. Beaver Creek.** All public lands within the Twin Creek and Beaver Creek drainages south of U.S. Highway 287 in Fremont County.

**Area 602. Little Popo Agie.** All U.S. Forest Service lands within the Little Popo Agie River drainage (including Cherry Creek and Snow Creek) and all U.S. Forest Service lands within the Sawmill Creek drainage in Fremont County.

**Area 603. Upper Sweetwater.** All public lands within the Sweetwater River drainage above Phelps-Dodge Bridge in Fremont and Sublette counties.

**Area 604. Sweetwater.** All public lands within the Rock Creek, Strawberry Creek and Deep Creek drainages and along the Sweetwater River proper between Phelps-Dodge Bridge and Sweetwater Station in Fremont County.

**Area 605. Green Mountain.** All public lands within the Crooks Creek, Cottonwood Creek, Cooper Creek and Willow Creek drainages on Green Mountain in Fremont County.

**Area 606. East Fork Wind River.** All lands within the Spence and Moriarity Wildlife Management Area and the Kirk Inberg/Kevin Roy wildlife Habitat Management Area in Fremont County.

(b) Closed Areas.

(i) The following areas shall be closed to the taking of all furbearing animals.

(A) Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area in Bighorn County;

(B) Grand Teton National Park in Teton County;

(C) John D. Rockefeller Jr. Memorial Parkway in Teton County;

(D) National Elk Refuge in Teton County; and,

(E) Rawhide Wildlife Management Area, Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area and the Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Goshen County shall be closed October 1 through February 15.

The following areas are closed to trapping. If there are questions, contact the appropriate personnel at the National Park Service.

(A) Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area in Bighorn County.

(C) John D. Rockefeller Jr. Memorial Parkway in Teton County.

(ii) The following areas shall be closed to the taking of beaver.

(A) Beaver Creek drainage from Wyoming Highway 70 downstream to its confluence with the North Fork of the Encampment River in Carbon County;

(B) Cache Creek drainage in Teton County;

(C) Cliff Creek drainage in Sublette County;

(D) Granite Creek drainage from the Granite Hot Springs swimming pool downstream to the confluence with the Hoback River in Teton and Sublette counties;

(E) Nameless Creek proper in Lincoln County;

(F) Nash Fork drainage south of Wyoming Highway 130 from the Snowy Range Ski Area Road downstream to its confluence with the North Fork of the Little Laramie River in Albany County;

(G) South Fork Hog Park Creek drainage from the Colorado/Wyoming state line downstream to its confluence with Hog Park Creek in Carbon County;

(H) South Fork Lake Creek and Goetze Creek drainages on the Pennock Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Carbon County; and,

(I) The head of the Rock Creek drainage north and east of the Sand Lake Road (U.S.F.S. Road 101) downstream to its confluence with the South Fork of Rock Creek in Carbon County.

(iii) The following areas shall be closed to the taking of marten.

(A) All lands within the Pole Mountain Unit of the Medicine Bow National Forest in Albany County.

**Section 6. Common Season Boundary.** Wherever a stream or river forms a boundary between two (2) trapping areas with differing seasons for the same furbearing animal, the stream or river channel proper shall open for trapping on the earliest opening date and close on the latest closing date of the two (2) seasons involved.

**Section 7. Limited Quota Furbearing Animal Trapping Area Permits.** Limited quota trapping areas shall be open only to the person(s) who possesses a furbearing animal trapping permit for the limited quota trapping area and a furbearing animal trapping license. Only the holder of a permit for a limited quota trapping area(s) shall be allowed to trap the limited quota area for the designated species during the trapping season for which the permit is valid. Permit holders shall be determined by a random computer selection.

(a) Application for Limited Quota Furbearing Animal Trapping Permits. Applications shall be available from Wyoming Game and Fish Department Regional Offices, the Cheyenne Headquarters Office and game wardens. Any qualified person may submit one (1) application for a limited quota trapping area drawing and may list as many as three (3) choices.

(b) When trapping, each permit holder shall present his permit and a valid Wyoming furbearing animal trapping license for inspection upon request to any law enforcement officer empowered to enforce these regulations.

(c) Application Date. Applications shall be submitted on a form provided by the Department to the Headquarters Office from July 1 through September 1.

(d) Drawing. Only correct and complete applications received in the Headquarters Office during the application dates shall be entered in the random computer selection. Successful applicants shall be notified by mail.

(e) Leftover Limited Quota Trapping Area Permits. After the regular drawing, applicants may apply for limited quota trapping area permits not issued in the drawing for limited quota furbearing animal trapping areas. Applicants shall apply to the Headquarters Office. Permits shall be issued in the order the applications are processed or until quotas are reached. Submission of an application either through the mail or hand delivered shall not guarantee a permit.

**Section 8. Authorization to Trap.**

(a) Any person holding a valid Wyoming furbearing animal trapping license shall be authorized to trap furbearing animals in any trapping area specified in the current trapping regulations, excluding those species within limited quota furbearing animal trapping areas requiring a limited quota furbearing animal trapping permit as specified in this regulation and excluding closed areas in Section 5(b) of this regulation.

(b) Individuals issued limited quota furbearing animal trapping permits shall contact the game warden listed on the notice for instructions prior to taking furbearing animals authorized by this permit in the limited quota furbearing animal trapping areas.

**Section 9. Snare Specifications.**

(a) All snares used for furbearing or predatory animals shall be equipped with a break-away device located at the point of the snare lock;

- (b) Break-away devices shall release at two hundred ninety-five (295) pounds of pressure or less;
- (c) Snare capture loop size shall not exceed twelve (12) inches in diameter measured from side to side;
- (d) Snares shall be solidly anchored to ensure the break-away device properly functions to release at two hundred ninety-five (295) pounds of pressure or less, and;
  - (i) Snares shall not be anchored to any wire of a fence.
  - (ii) Snares shall not be anchored to any moveable object such as a drag.

**Section 10. Check Period for Leg-hold Traps, Live Traps, Snares and Quick-Kill Body-Grip Traps.**

- (a) All leg-hold traps and live traps shall be checked by the owner a minimum of once during each seventy-two (72) hour period.
- (b) All snares and quick-kill body-grip traps shall be checked by the owner a minimum of one time each week, except during the initial week the snares or quick-kill body-grip traps were set.

**Section 11. Mandatory Bobcat Registration.** All bobcats harvested in Wyoming shall be registered with the Department by the person taking the bobcat, regardless of the final disposition of the pelt or unskinned carcass. Bobcat pelts may be registered throughout the bobcat season, but registration of pelts shall end at 5:00 p.m. on March 11 of each year. If the registration deadline date occurs on a weekend when the Department Regional Offices are closed, bobcat pelts may be registered on the next business day until 5:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time. The properly licensed trapper shall present the pelt or unskinned carcass in an unfrozen condition to a game warden or a Department Regional Office. It shall be unlawful to possess an untagged green bobcat pelt after the registration period expires. Before a Wyoming bobcat tag shall be issued, the person taking a bobcat shall provide to the Department at the time of registration, the age and sex of the bobcat, the number of the Department's bobcat management area in which the bobcat was taken, the date the bobcat was taken, the number of traps that were set, and the number of days traps were set or days hunted with a firearm (i.e. trapping or harvest effort). A Wyoming bobcat tag shall be attached to the pelt or unskinned carcass by an employee of the Department. Wyoming bobcat tags shall be issued free of charge.

**Section 12. Trapping of Non-target Wildlife; Disposition of Furbearing Animals at the Trap Site.** All non-target wildlife, including but not necessarily limited to game animals, game birds, furbearing animals, protected animals or protected birds that are trapped shall be released unharmed. If a big or trophy game animal, game bird, protected animal or raptor caught has been injured to the extent that the injury may result in death of the animal or if the animal has been killed, the trapper shall immediately notify a Department law enforcement officer. Furbearing animals legally taken shall be either killed at the trap site or immediately released to the wild. If the trapper holds both a furbearing animal trapping license and a license to capture furbearing animals for domestication, the furbearing animals do not have to be killed at the trap site.

**Section 13. Use of Dogs.** Persons possessing a valid furbearing animal trapping license may use dogs to take bobcats during the bobcat hunting or trapping season.

**Section 14. Trap Identification Numbers.** All traps and snares used for furbearing or predatory animals shall be permanently marked or tagged with the name and address of the owner or the trap identification number assigned to the owner by the Department.

(a) A person may apply for a trap identification number from the Department. Each individual shall be issued only one (1) trap identification number for the life of the trapper. Trap identification numbers shall be transferable from one (1) person to another only upon completion of an application and approval by the Department.

(b) Trap identification numbers shall consist of the prefix WY, followed by the last two (2) digits of the calendar year in which the number is issued, followed by a number generated by the Department. A hyphen shall separate the three (3) portions of the number. For example, the first trap identification number issued in calendar year 2001 shall be WY-01-001. Numbers shall be legible, at least one-eighth (1/8) inch in height and affixed to traps in such a manner as to read left to right. The trap identification number shall be stamped on the trap or on a metal tag that is affixed to the trap.

(c) Application for a trap identification number shall include the full name and complete home address of the applicant and shall be submitted on a form provided by the Department. Applications shall be submitted to the Wildlife Division, at the Headquarters Office of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

(d) Any person who has obtained a trap identification number shall notify the Department by telephoning (307) 777-4686 within thirty (30) days of any change in address.

**Section 15. Violation of Commission Regulations.** Failure to abide by the provisions of this regulation shall be punishable as provided by Wyoming statutes for violation of Commission regulations.

**Section 16. Savings Clause.** If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of the regulation shall be severable.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

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Jackson	1-800-423-4113	1-307-733-2321
Lander	1-800-654-7862	1-307-332-2688
Laramie	1-800-843-2352	1-307-745-4046
Pinedale	1-800-452-9107	1-307-367-4353
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